funds. Funds amounting to Rs. 145.50 crores were released to EAS blocks during 1995-96 including third instalment to 155 blocks amounting to Rs. 47.50 crores.

(c) Diversion of EAS funds by the State Government for other purpose has not come to the notice of this Ministry.

(d) Does not arise.

Bhumidhari Rights on Forest Land in Delhi

1444. SHRI O.P. KOHLI: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided some cases under Sections 74(4) and 85 of the Delhi Land Reforms Act, 1954 during 1996 and 1997;

(b) if so, the details of such cases, division-wise;

(c) whether all those lands have already been notified as reserve forest, as per orders of the Suprame Court; and

(d) if so, the reasons for granting Bhumidhari rights on the forest land?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADHO PRASAD VERMA): (a) to (d) The information is being collected from the Government of NCT of Delhi and the same will be laid on the Table of the House as and when received.

Shortage of Houses in Rural Areas of Gujarat

1445. SHRI AHMED PATEL: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently assessed that there is shortage of nearly three lakh houses in the rural areas of Gujarat;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) the steps Government have taken or propose to take to meet the shortage of rural housing in the State;

(d) the number of houses constructed so far in the State after assessment of the shortage was made; and

(e) the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) and (b) According to 1991 Census Report the rural housing shortage in Gujarat was about 2.65 lakh houses.

(c) Government of India is allocating funds to the State of Gujarat as Central assistance under Indira Awaas Yojana for construction of houses to meet the shortage of rural housing in the state.

(d) and (e) As per information available, since 1991-92 under Indira Awaas Yojana about 70 thousand houses have been constructed in Gujarat so far

Scheme For Irrirrigation Facilities to small and Marginal Farmers

1446. SHRIMATI JAYANTI PATNAIK: Will the Minister of RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently launched a new scheme to provide irrigation facilities to small and marginal farmers living below the proverty line; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and whether it is different from Ganga Kalyan Yojana?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL AREAS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI CHANDRADEO PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes Madam. This Ministry have recently launched a new Centrally sponsored scheme, namely Ganga Kalyan Yojana to provide irrigation facilities to small and marginal farmers living below the poverty line.